

**State of Minnesota**

County

**District Court**

Judicial District: \_\_\_\_\_

Court File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Type: \_\_\_\_\_

In Re the Custody of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner

and

\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent

**Petition To Establish Custody  
And Parenting Time**

[Minn. Stat. § 518.156]

**Recognition of Parentage signed**

[Minn. Stat. § 257.75, subd. 3]

1. I am the father / mother (*circle one*).

Full Name

First

Middle

Last

Street Address

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

2. Respondent is the father / mother (*circle one*). The Respondent's name and address is:

Full name

First

Middle

Last

Street Address

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

3. The name(s) and date(s) of birth of the minor child(ren) involved in this action are:

*Child's Full Name**Date of Birth*

First

Middle

Last

Month / Day / Year

First

Middle

Last

Month / Day / Year

4. The child(ren) currently live(s) with: ☐ Me ☐ Other parent (*print full name*):  
\_\_\_\_\_. The address of the child(ren)  
is/are: \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_,  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, zip code  
\_\_\_\_\_. The child(ren) has / have lived at this address since  
\_\_\_\_\_ (mo/day/yr).

If child(ren) has / have lived less than six months at the above listed address, list dates and  
locations of where the child(ren) has / have been living for the last six months:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Petitioner and Respondent signed a Minnesota Recognition of Parentage for the minor  
child(ren) listed above. The Recognition of Parentage has been filed with Vital Statistics and is a  
basis for bringing an action to grant custody, parenting time, and/or child support pursuant to  
Minn. Stat. § 257.75, subd. 3 (2010). (*check one*)

☐ Petitioner has attached a certified copy of the Recognition of Parentage to this Petition.

☐ Petitioner requested a certified copy from the Minnesota Department of Health, Bureau of  
Vital Statistics and will file it with the court when Petitioner receives it.

6. A court appointed guardian or custodian has been appointed for the child(ren).

☐ No

☐ Yes – A guardian or custodian has been appointed for the child(ren) by court order in court

file no. \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
name of the guardian / custodian is \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Minn. Stat. § 518.156, subd. 2 requires the Petitioner to give written notice of this  
proceeding to the guardian / custodian.)

7. Petitioner's request for custody and parenting time:

a. Legal Custody: *Legal custody means having a right to participate in the major decisions  
regarding the child's life, including education, religious upbringing and medical treatment.*

It is in the child's best interests that legal custody is granted as follows: (*check one*)

☐ Joint legal custody to both parents

☐ Sole legal custody to ☐ Mother ☐ Father

b. Physical Custody: *Physical custody identifies who will handle the routine daily care and control of the child, and who the child will live with.*

It is in the child's best interests that physical custody is granted as follows: (*check one*)

☐ Joint physical custody to both parents

☐ Sole physical custody to ☐ Mother ☐ Father

8. A child protection case involving the child(ren) in this case is open: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If **YES**, this case is in \_\_\_\_\_ County in the State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
and the court file number is \_\_\_\_\_. The child protection worker's name  
is \_\_\_\_\_.

9. An *Order for Protection* involving me and the other parent \_\_\_\_\_  
(*print full name*)

\_\_\_\_\_ and/or the child(ren) is open: ☐ YES ☐ NO.

If YES, this case is in \_\_\_\_\_ County in the State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
and the court file number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A copy of the *Order for Protection* is attached.**

10. Parenting Time:

It is in the child's best interests that parenting time be granted as follows:

☐ grant parenting time to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

☐ grant supervised parenting time to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

☐ deny parenting time to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

11. Child Support: *(check one box)*

☐ There is no existing child support order and Petitioner is asking the court to establish child support in accordance with child support guidelines.

☐ There is no existing child support order and child support is not being requested in this Petition.

☐ There is an existing child support order for the child(ren) named in this action, located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, court file number \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Petitioner requests that the Court grant the following relief:**

1. I am asking the court to grant legal custody as follows: *(pick one box)*

☐ joint legal custody to both parents

☐ sole legal custody to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

2. I am asking the court to grant physical custody as follows: *(pick one box)*

☐ joint physical custody to both parents

☐ sole physical custody to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

3. I am asking the court to: *(pick one)*

☐ grant parenting time

☐ grant supervised parenting time to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

☐ deny parenting time to the ☐ Mother ☐ Father

4. *Optional – only check box if asking the court for child support.*

☐ I am asking the court to establish child support according to the child support guidelines. Child support includes basic support, medical support, and child care support.

5. Granting such other and further relief as the court may deem just and equitable.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address